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**DECLARATION
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Original Application**

Attorney Docket No. NEB-208/9-US

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (in only one name is listed at 201 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed at 201-203 below) of the subject matter which is claimed and which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS RELATING TO GENE SILENCING

which is described and claimed in:

the attached specification or the specification in Application Serial No. _____ filed _____
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if applicable

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Application Serial No. | Filing Date | Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned) |
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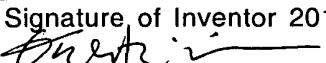
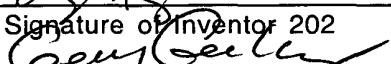
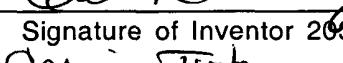
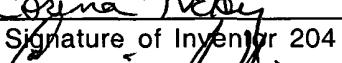
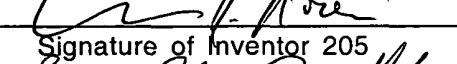
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I hereby further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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